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26 April 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA
Deputy for NFIB and Special Support, Treasury


SUBJECT : Interagency Estimates on European Issues

REFERENCE : Memorandum from the Special Assistant for
National Security Affairs, 22 April 1977

1. As part of the follow-up to PRM 9 on European issues, four topical papers have been requested. The DCI believes that in the case of two of these -- on European Communist parties and on Eastern Europe -- it would be useful to provide independent assessments containing the best estimates of the Intelligence Community, including any differences of view.

2. We would like to make these contributions by way of two interagency intelligence memoranda, one on West European Communist parties and one on Eastern Europe. These would address the intelligence questions posed in paragraphs 2 and 4 of reference. And while avoiding policy advocacy, they would seek to estimate the different implications of the policy options suggested. They should be completed in early June.

3. It is requested that you or your representatives meet with us at 1400, Wednesday, 4 May, in the 7E62 conference room, CIA Headquarters, to discuss these papers and how to go about doing them. At that time, we will distribute outlines proposing the scope of each and division of drafting responsibilities.


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Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

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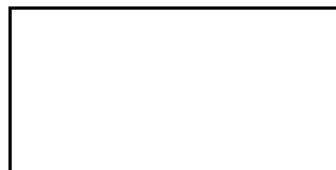
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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NI

SUBJECT : Intelligence Contributions to Follow-up
Studies on Europe

I think the intelligence papers on the two European problems would be done better through the less formal interagency memo than as NIEs. They can accomplish the same ends more easily, quickly, and flexibly. Neither of these problems quite fit the NIE format, and it seems preferable to stay fairly loose on PRM-associated assessments. If you agree, I suggest promptly issuing the attached invitation through the established CIA-INR-DIA Steering Group channel, of which you are, presumably, chairman. This step gives the project desirable impetus from the front office -- especially needed on these since they stake out an intelligence role in a way that might help to set precedent. [redacted] and I, meanwhile, can prepare the troops.

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